



Nebraska Trails Foundation, Inc.

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Vernon Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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RE: Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No 408X); Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF). Milepost 9.63 near Marquette to Milepost 17.50 near Central City in Hamilton and Merrick Counties, Nebraska.

Dear Secretary Williams:

On May 26, 2004, the Board issued a decision in the above referenced proceeding imposing an interim trail use/railbanking ("NITU") condition. This was later extended and then expired; however, in the interim the Nebraska Trails Foundation, Inc. and the Merrick Foundation of Central City, Nebraska have negotiated a Purchase Agreement with the BNSF and now are requesting an extension of this NITU. We will sign a Sales Agreement within a few weeks and will close in January of 2007. The BNSF is in agreement with this request.

Enclosed is a map showing right-of-way and the \$350 fee for filing an extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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